

**Transportation/Public Works Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 5, 2010
3:00 P.M.
Third Floor, City Hall**

Present: Chair: CW Hamilton
Vice Chair: CM Engel
Members: CM Benson, CW Ward-Pugh, CM Unseld (left 3:45), CM Peden, CM Johnson (left 3:34)

Absent: CM Engel (Excused)

Also Present: CW Welch

Chairwoman Hamilton began the meeting by announcing the members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Special Items For Discussion

LOUISVILLE WATER COMPANY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY; PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND WATER LINE PROTECTION PROGRAM - VINCE GUENTHNER, LOUISVILLE WATER COMPANY

The following people were present and a PowerPoint presentation was given:

- Vince Guenthner, Louisville Water Company
- Kelley Dearing-Smith, Louisville Water Company
- Greg Heitzman, Louisville Water Company
- Anne Smith, Association of Community Ministries

The following was discussed:

- Louisville Water Company's 150th Anniversary
 - Walking Wednesdays at the Reservoir
 - Launched in April
 - History of the Pumping Station and Water Tower Display
 - Permanent display that will go up in June at the Water Tower
 - Reflections on a Louisville Landmark art exhibit
 - Throughout October
 - Local artists can submit artwork from August 26 through October 22
 - Adventures in Water Festival
 - Third annual
 - At the Water Tower
 - Open House on Saturday October 16th
 - Water Works: 150 Years of Louisville Water Company
 - Interactive exhibit at the Frazier Museum
- Customer Help Program
 - Joint program with MSD
 - Administered by the Area Community Ministries
 - Funding
 - Initial \$50,000 jointly contributed by LWC and MSD
 - LWC's board agreed to dedicate 10% of revenue from the Water Line Protection Program
 - Additional \$9,000
 - Not rate payer money
 - Maximum benefit of \$100 per residential customer
 - Once per twelve-month period
 - Must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines
 - Must be in danger of disconnection
 - Procedures Manual

- Total amount per ministry should be \$3,600 instead of \$3,125 due to the extra \$9,000 in funding
 - How a customer can find out about the program
 - Call the ministries
 - Discussion on including something with the final bill that lets a customer know their options
 - LWC will look into it
- Water Line Protection Program
 - Five year contract with Home Services USA
 - Signed on November 2, 2007
 - Terms of the contract
 - Fee is \$4.99 per month
 - Has not been increased to date
 - Home Services is looking to increase it to \$5.49 in July
 - Over 66,000 customers have signed up since February of 2008
 - Average savings of \$1,122 per customer
 - Customer satisfaction survey
 - Two new services to be offered
 - External Sewer Line (from property line to home)
 - Internal Plumbing (water and sewer)
 - Fee will be \$9.99 per month for each service
 - Cost is higher due to more frequent, more expensive repair
 - No out of pocket expenses unless repair cost is above the covered limit
 - Cost incurred by Home Services to provide this service
 - Program has exceeded expectations
 - Saves LWC on customer service runs
 - Have asked Home Services to consider making a contribution to the Customer Help Program
 - Residential properties over 5,000 square feet are not eligible
 - No commercial properties are eligible
 - Differences in piping material
 - Every dollar earned is a dollar that does not have to be generated through rates
 - MSD is pursuing a replacement program
 - Repair versus replacement
 - Does not cover pre-existing conditions
 - No deductible
 - Customers can cancel at any time
- Attempt to procure LG&E
 - Benefits of local ownership
 - Trade journals indicated possible sale
 - Team put together previously was activated
 - LWC's board took action to acquire a limited liability corporation called Wildcat Acquisition
 - Use LWC as vehicle for acquisition
 - Need to have the following in place to be considered as a buyer
 - Credible entity (LWC)
 - Financing lined up
 - Engineering components
 - Mayor made a commitment that no assets of LWC or the City would be committed
 - Revenue bonds financed by the rate payers
 - Would have to put up a bond to bid and that is where the deal broke down
 - Number of concessions granted by PPL
 - Headquarters
 - Employees
 - In process of closing down Wildcat Acquisition

Pending Legislation

R-167-08-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET CONCERNING A \$973,900.00 GRANT FOR A RIVER ROAD CORRIDOR BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (STATE PO NUMBER PO2-628-0900022397). (Reintroduced 02/25/2010)

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor: Tom Owen
Additional Sponsor: Kelly Downard

Discussion: This item remained **HELD** in Committee.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on May 13, 2010.**

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